

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [043] as follows:

FIG. 7 is an illustration of an exemplary view 700 that may be displayed to a user via a web browser (*e.g.*, GUI 150), according to an embodiment of the invention. As depicted in view 700, web page 710 may be displayed to the user together with an additional “window” or display portion referred to herein as a console 720. As recited above, when a user first accesses web page 710 using their browser, the URL address of web page 710 may be transmitted to monitoring module 134 of application 130. Distance mapping module 136 may then, based on the information received by monitoring module 134, compute the location’s virtual distance from that of one or more other registered users (using any one or more of the techniques described above), and select for transmission back to the user the handles (or identities) of those users whose URL’s place them within a virtual distance from the user that is less than (or equal to) a configured threshold. Console 720 may then display the handles (or identities) of the identified “nearby” users. This process may be repeated as a user visits each new web site or page during a particular user session.

Please amend paragraph [055] as follows:

In addition to the foregoing description, FIG. 9 illustrates a flowchart of one method of processing, according to the invention, in one regard. The following operations may be accomplished using all or some of the [[of the]] system components described in detail above, and may incorporate all of the features and functionality of the invention as set forth in the foregoing description and accompanying drawing FIGS. 1-8.